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ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Commander, Law Enforcement Services

Craig L. Strouse
Commander, Correctional Services

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SHERIFF KNUDSON ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS AND HIRING OF PERSONNEL

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Commander Craig Strouse will be promoted to Chief Deputy on October 27, 2019. He will work with Chief Deputy Tillman until her retirement on December 16, 2019. Strouse has served at the Rock County Sheriff's Office since February of 1994, when he was hired as a Correctional Officer. He later served as a Jail Training Officer. He was promoted to Deputy Sheriff in June of 1997, serving in the Patrol Bureau. He was promoted to Detective in March of 2003. In addition to his detective duties, he served as the agency Arson Investigator. He was promoted to Sergeant in March of 2007 assigned to the Jail, then the Patrol Bureau, and later assigned to the Bureau of Identification, and the Special Investigations Unit. In December of 2010, he was promoted to Captain of the Correctional Services Division and served as the Assistant Jail Administrator. He was promoted to Commander of the Correctional Services Division in January of 2019, serving as the Jail Administrator. He is a Hunter Safety Instructor for the Sheriff's Office. He has served as a Committee Chair for the Sheriff's Office National Night Out events. He received the Community Service Award in 2012. Strouse received the F. Joseph Black Award in 2014. He is an alternate on the Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He previously served on the Edgerton School Board, the Town of Fulton Planning and Zoning Committee, and currently serves on the Town of Fulton Board of Adjustment. He also previously served as a part-time police officer for the Town of Fulton. Strouse received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Upper Iowa University. He completed the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Strouse served as an Infantry Soldier in the Army National Guard for six years, where he attended a Platoon Leadership and Development Course.



Captain Jude Maurer will be promoted to Commander of the Law Enforcement Services Division on October 27, 2019. He attended the Law Enforcement Academy at Madison Area Technical College. He was hired as a Deputy Sheriff by the Rock County Sheriff's Office on May 1, 1995, and later served as a Field Training Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant on May 27, 2000, assigned to the Correctional Services Division and then the Patrol Bureau. He was promoted to Lieutenant on July 19, 2008, assigned to the Support Services Bureau and then the Patrol Bureau. He was then promoted to the rank of Captain on January 1, 2009, assigned to the Patrol Bureau. Maurer is Chairman of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission and a member of the Safe Schools Committee. He previously served on the



Janesville Citizen Board of Review and the 911 Commission. He served as the President and Grievance Officer for the Rock County Deputy Sheriff's Supervisors Association. He has served as a Committee Chair for the Sheriff's Office National Night Out events. He also instructs religious education at St. Mary Parish in Milton, WI. Maurer received a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Upper Iowa University on October 27, 2007. He received a Master of Science Degree in Management from Cardinal Stritch University on May 16, 2010. Maurer graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University. Maurer served in the Wisconsin Army National Guard for six years.

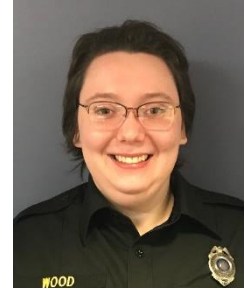
Sergeant Mark Thompson will be promoted to Captain on October 27, 2019, assigned to the Patrol Bureau. Thompson was hired as a Correctional Officer at the Rock County Sheriff's Office on November 15, 1998, and served as a Jail Training Officer. He was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on March 3, 2003, and served as a Field Training Officer. He was recognized as Deputy of the Year in 2006. Thompson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on October 18, 2009, assigned to the Correctional Services Division, then the Patrol Bureau, and most recently the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). Thompson is a member of the SWAT Team, serving as an Entry Team Leader. He is a Handgun Instructor and General Law Enforcement Instructor. He was formerly an Emergency Vehicle Operations and Control (EVOC) Instructor and Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) Instructor. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of SWAT Personnel. He is also a member of the SIU Board. Thompson received the F. Joseph Black Award and four Unit Citations. Thompson received a Bachelor's of Science with a Major in Criminal Justice from Upper Iowa University on October 18, 2015. Thompson recently graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University on June 14, 2019. Thompson previously served as a youth sports coach in the Evansville community. Thompson served in the U.S. Army for six years.



Deputy Christopher Krahn will be promoted to Sergeant on October 27, 2019, assigned to the Training Bureau. Krahn was hired as a Correctional Officer at the Rock County Sheriff's Office on February 12, 2007. He was hired as a Deputy Sheriff on May 29, 2011. He received a Commendation Award in 2009 and a Sheriff's Award in 2015. Krahn has worked as the Recreational Safety Deputy since January of 2014. Krahn is responsible for the Sheriff's Office's DNR Safety Education Program. He instructs Hunter Safety, Boat Safety, ATV Safety and Snowmobile Safety. Krahn coordinates the Cops N Kids Foundation Gutter Busters events and the Cops & Bobbers events. He has been a Committee Chair for the Sheriff's Office National Night Out events. Krahn is an EVOC Instructor, Handgun & Rifle Instructor, General Law Enforcement Instructor, Scenario Instructor, Tactical Response Instructor and Vehicle Contacts Instructor. Krahn serves on the Sheriff's Office Community Engagement Team. He is the Commander of the Sheriff's Office Rescue Team. Krahn is an instructor for the Blackhawk Technical College Law Enforcement Academy. Krahn earned a Bachelor's Degree from University of Wisconsin – Whitewater in Sociology/Criminal Justice on May 22, 2008.



Kayla Wood was hired as a Correctional Officer on October 16, 2019. Wood graduated from Evansville High School in 2015. She received an Associate Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences and Ethnic Studies from University of Wisconsin-Rock County. Wood was a volunteer for the Sheriff's Office National Night Out events. Wood is currently attending the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College.



Cody Kinnamon was hired as a Correctional Officer on October 17, 2019. Kinnamon graduated from Edgerton High School in 2016. He received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College. Kinnamon is currently attending the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College.

Chase Larson was hired as a Correctional Officer on October 18, 2019. Larson graduated from F.J. Turner High School in 2018. Larson is a Criminal Justice Student at Blackhawk Technical College in pursuit of an Associate Degree. Larson was a volunteer for the Sheriff's Office National Night Out events. Larson is currently attending the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College.



Gabriela Gonzalez has been hired as an Administrative Assistant effective October 28, 2019. She graduated from Dundee High School, Dundee, IL, in 2003. Gonzalez attended Illinois Center for Broadcasting and earned a certificate in Communications. She previously was employed by the City of Rockford Police Department.

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